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C O N F I D E N T I A L CAPE TOWN 1100

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PDEV, SF, WA
SUBJECT: NAMIBIA: NEXT STEPS: INFORMAL MEETING WITH FOURIE

THE CAPE TOWN FIVE MET THIS AFTERNOON JUNE 2 TO REVIEW THE
PROPOSED TALKING POINTS FOR THE INFORMAL MEETING WITH FOURIE
(USUN 2233). THE FOLLOWING IS THEIR AGREED REPORT.
BEGIN TEXT:

1. THE CAPE TOWN FIVE MET THIS AFTERNOON TO EXAMINE THE
TEXT OF THE PROPOSED TALKING POINTS FOR USE WITH FOURIE.
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AS A RESULT OF OUR CONSIDERATION WE RECOMMEND THE FOLLOWING
AMENDMENTS:

(A) WE STRONGLY RECOMMEND THE DELETION OF THE QUOTATION
FROM THE GOVERNMENTAL MESSAGE OF 24 MAY CONTAINED IN PARA 3
SINCE THIS WAS CLEARLY REGARDED BY VORSTER AS ONE OF THE MOST
PROVOCATIVE ELEMENTS IN THAT MESSAGE. WE WOULD HOWEVER

REFER TO IT IN GENERAL TERMS.

(B) PARA 4(A) TO READ AS FOLLOWS: "REPEAL THE TERRORISM AND THE INTERNAL SECURITY ACTS AS THEY APPLY TO NAMIBIA, AND AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AG 26."

(C) PARA 4(C): DELETE "ISSUE AN ORDER PROHIBITING" AND SUBSTITUTE "ELIMINATE".

(D) PARA 4(D) TO READ AS FOLLOWS: "BROADCASTING SHOULD BE SEPARATED FROM THE SABC AND ACCESS TO BROADCASTING FACILITIES MADE AVAILABLE TO ALL NAMIBIAN POLITICAL PARTIES AND RELEVANT ORGANIZATIONS".

2. WE AWAIT FINAL INSTRUCTIONS ON THE TALKING POINTS ON WALVIS BAY (PARA 6). WE PREFER THE US TEXT (USUN 2233).

3. SINCE THE CANADIAN AND GERMAN AMBASSADORS NOW HAVE AN APPOINTMENT WITH FOURIE (WHO IS AWAY IN PRETORIA UNTIL SUNDAY AFTERNOON) AT 0830 HOURS LOCAL TIME ON MONDAY, 5 JUNE, GRATEFUL FOR FINAL INSTRUCTIONS NOT LATER THAN 3 JUNE. (WE HAD TAKEN THE PRECAUTION OF TELEPHONING FOURIE IN THE CONTEXT OF THE CONVERSATION BETWEEN LA POINTE AND EKSTEEN (USUN 2163) TO MAKE SURE THAT HE DID NOT REGARD MONDAY MORNING AS "TOO LATE".)

END TEXT.

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EMBASSY COMMENT: THE UK, FRENCH, CANADIAN, AND GERMAN AMBASSADORS WERE STRONGLY IN FAVOR OF RAISING WALVIS BAY, BUT AT THE SAME TIME READILY AGREED THE US TEXT ON THE ISSUE WAS PREFERABLE. THE OTHER FOUR WERE ALSO STRONG IN THEIR CONVICTION THAT IT WOULD BE COUNTERPRODUCTIVE TO INCLUDE IN PARA 3 OF THE PROPOSED TALKING POINTS OF THE EXCERPT FROM OUR DEMARCHE TO VORSTER ON MAY 24. IN THEIR VIEW, THE POINT HAD BEEN CLEARLY MADE TO THE SOUTH AFRICANS SEVERAL TIMES AND, THAT BEING THE CASE, IT WAS NOT USEFUL TO REPEAT PARTICULAR LANGUAGE TO WHICH VORSTER HAD TAKEN OFFENSE BECAUSE OF THE DOUBT IT CASTS ON SAG SINCERITY. THEY WERE ALSO INSISTENT ON WATERING DOWN PARA 4(A) OF THE TALKING POINTS ON THE GROUNDS THE SOUTH AFRICANS WOULD FORGET THE POINT IS ILLUSTRATIVE, TAKE IT AS AN UNREASONABLE DEMAND, AND THEREFORE TEND TO REJECT THE ENTIRE IDEA OF REPEALING SUCH LAWS. EDMONDSON

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